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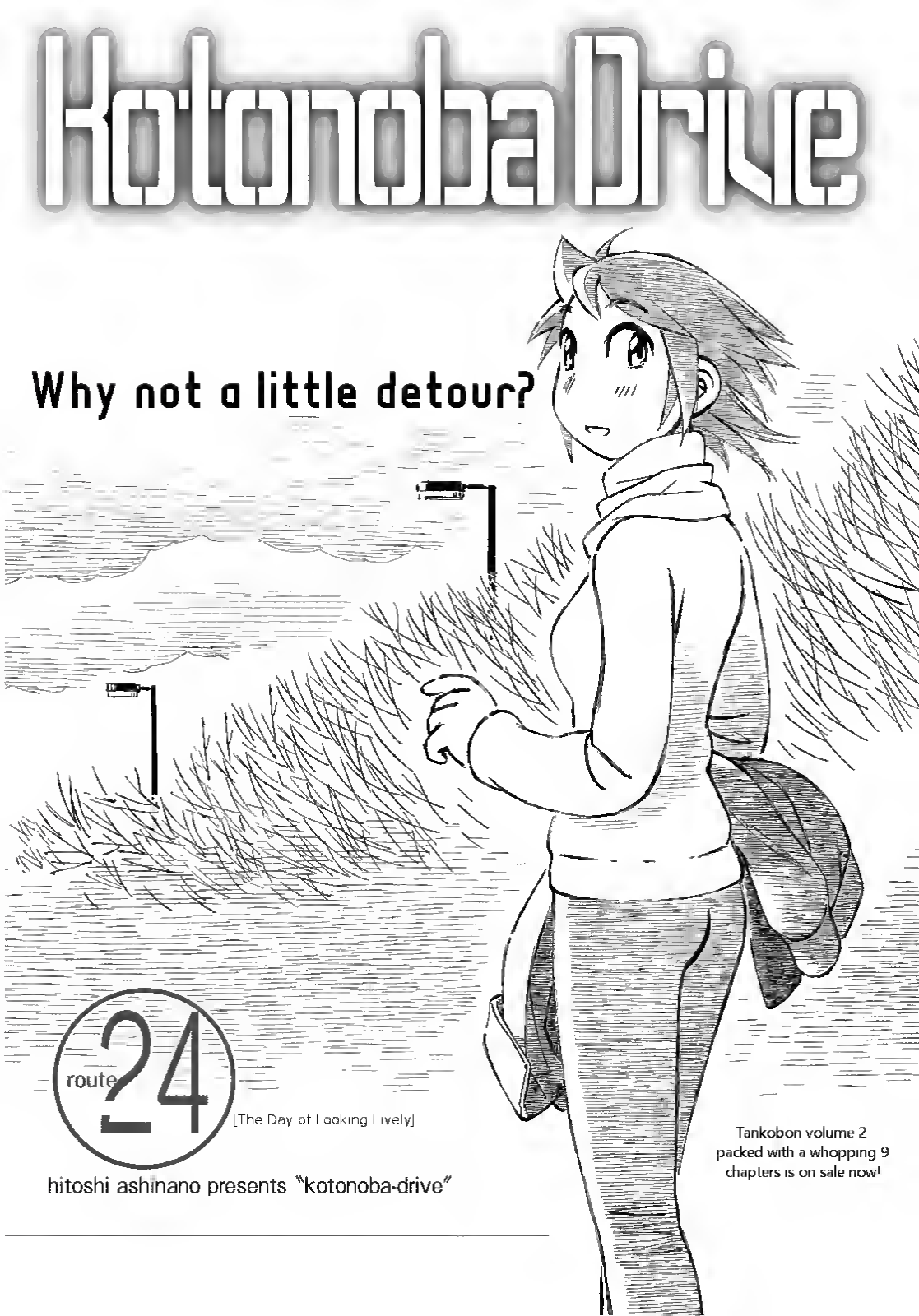

route 24 [The Day of Looking Lively]

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Tankobon volume 2 packed with a whopping 9 chapters is on sale now!

The manager is back! But no customers today…?

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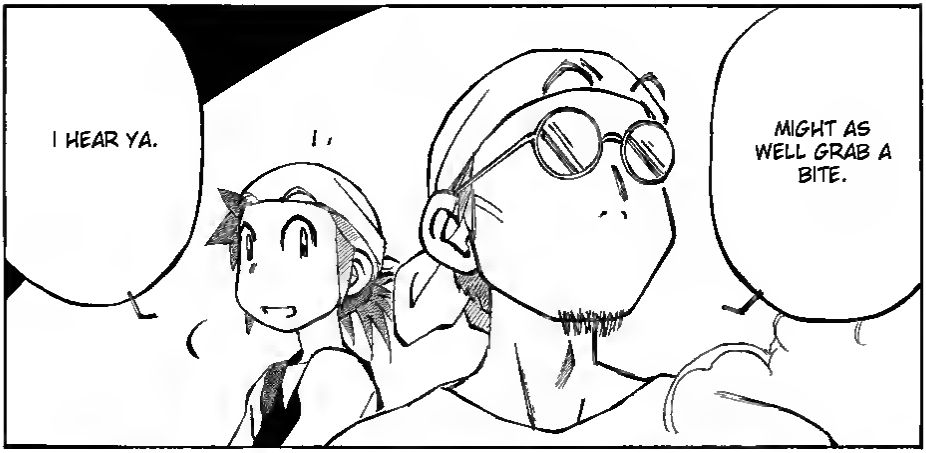
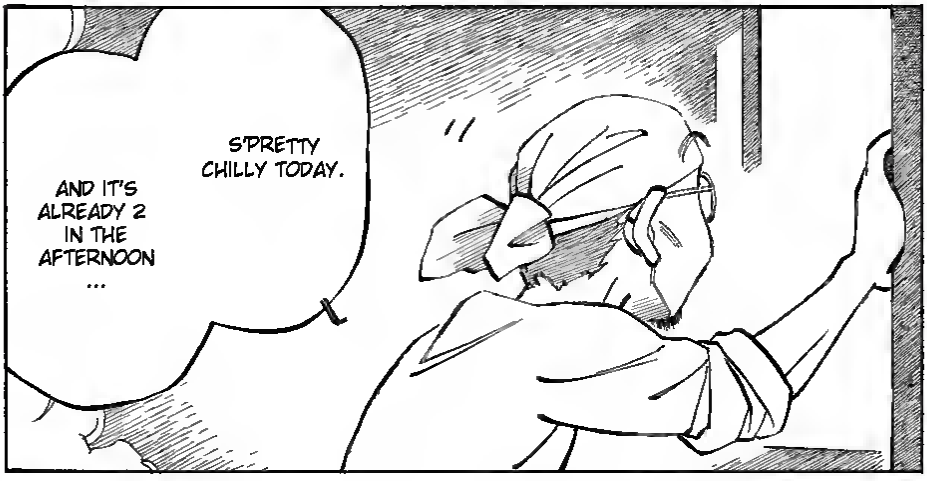

I HEAR YA.
MIGHT AS WELL GRAB A BITE.


AND IT'S ALREADY 2 IN THE AFTERNOON ...
S'PRETTY CHILLY TODAY.

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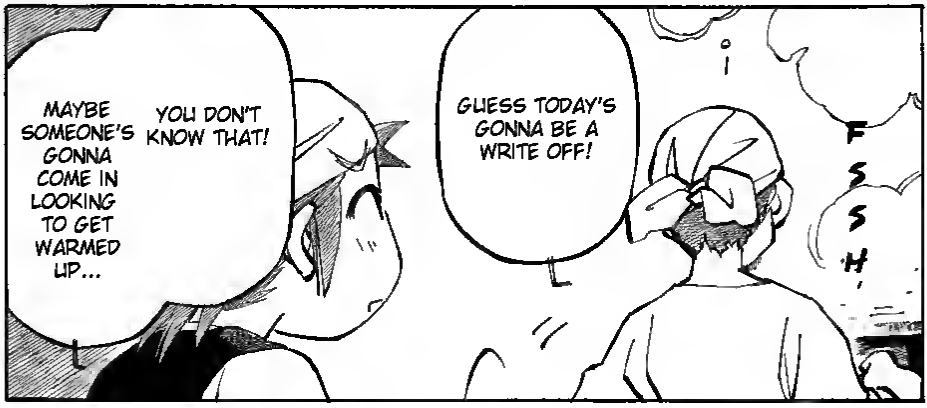
MAYBE SOMEONE'S GONNA COME IN LOOKING TO GET WARMED UP...
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!
GUESS TODAY'S GONNA BE A WRITE OFF!
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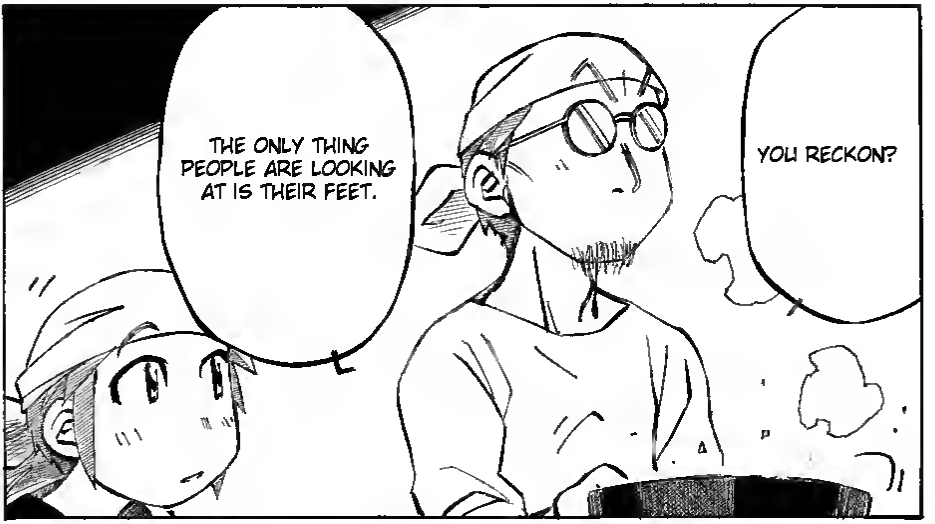
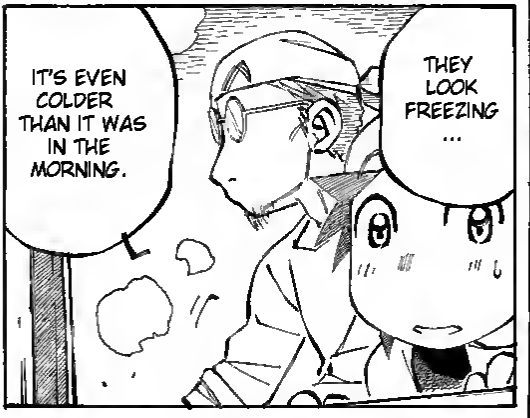
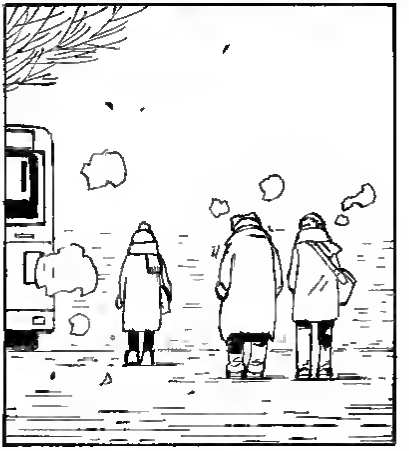

THE ONLY THING PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT IS THEIR FEET.
YOU RECKON?


IT'S EVEN COLDER THAN IT WAS IN THE MORNING.
THEY LOOK FREEZING ...



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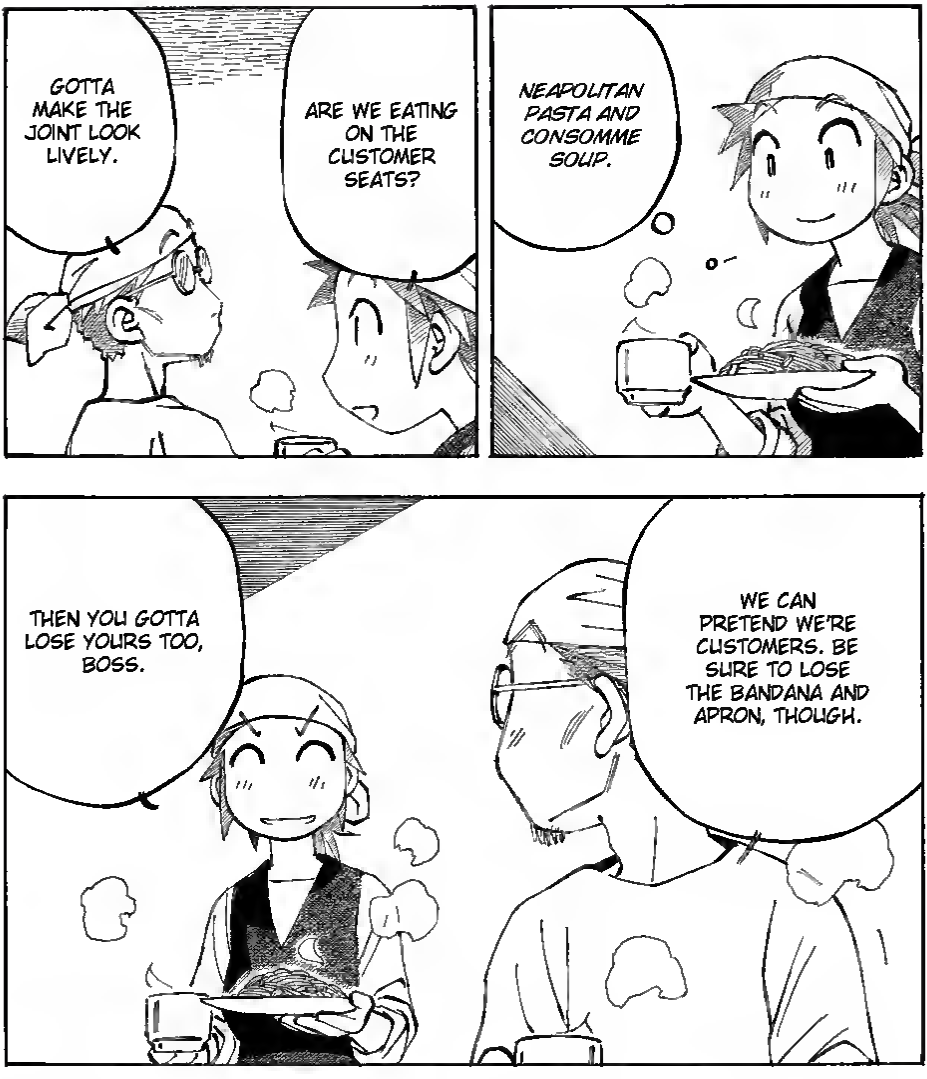
...DINNER'S READY.
INSTEAD OF GOING SOMEWHERE, THEY'D RATHER JUST GO HOME SOONER.


GOTTA MAKE THE JOINT LOOK LIVELY.
ARE WE EATING ON THE CUSTOMER SEATS?
NEAPOLITAN PASTA AND CONSOMME SOUP.
THEN YOU GOTTA LOSE YOURS TOO, BOSS.
WE CAN PRETEND WE'RE CUSTOMERS. BE SURE TO LOSE THE BANDANA AND APRON, THOUGH.
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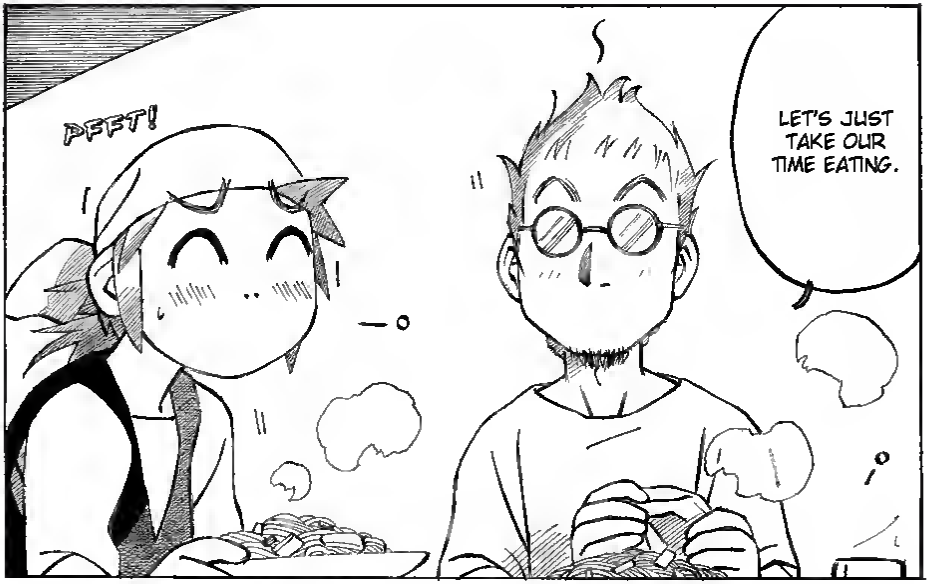
GUESS SO.


PFFT!
LET'S JUST TAKE OUR TIME EATING.

NAH, IT'S NOTHING...
I MEAN, I'VE GOT "BED HEAD" TOO...
WHAT'S WITH YOU?

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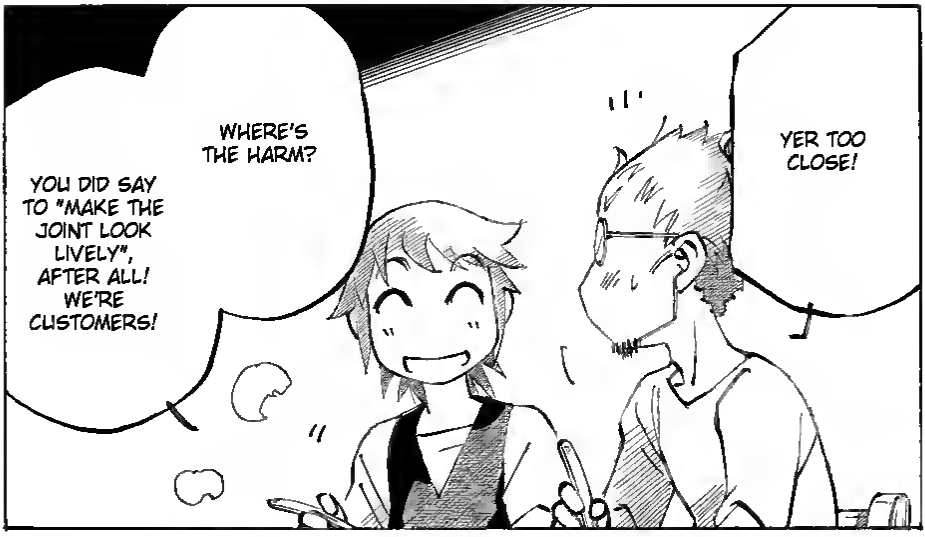
BON APPETIT.
BON APPETIT.
WELL, WHADDYA EXPECT!? I CANT HELP IT!


YER TOO CLOSE!
WHERE'S THE HARM?
YOU DID SAY TO "MAKE THE JOINT LOOK LIVELY", AFTER ALL! WE'RE CUSTOMERS!

IT'S BEST IF IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME, NO?

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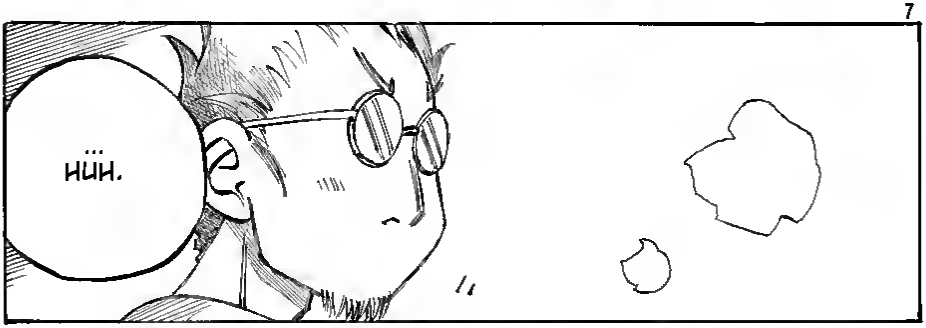
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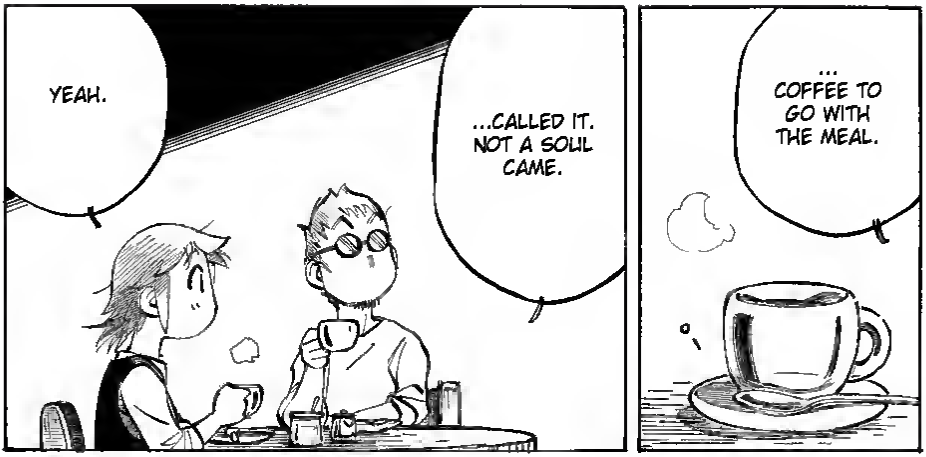
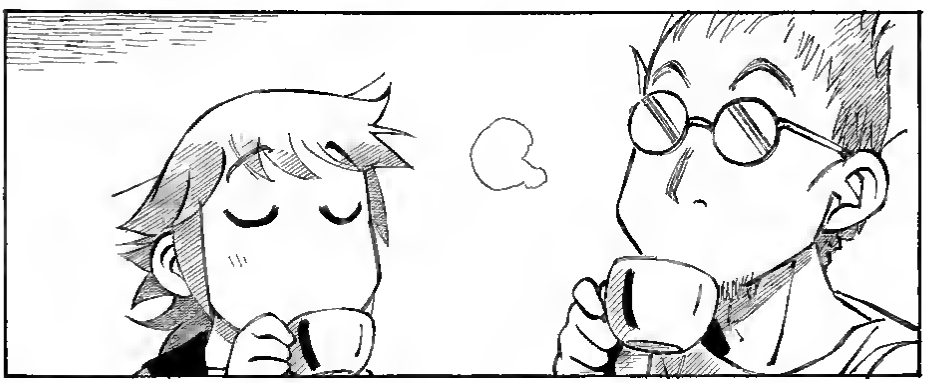
HUH.


YEAH.
...CALLED IT. NOT A SOUL CAME.
...
COFFEE TO GO WITH THE MEAL.



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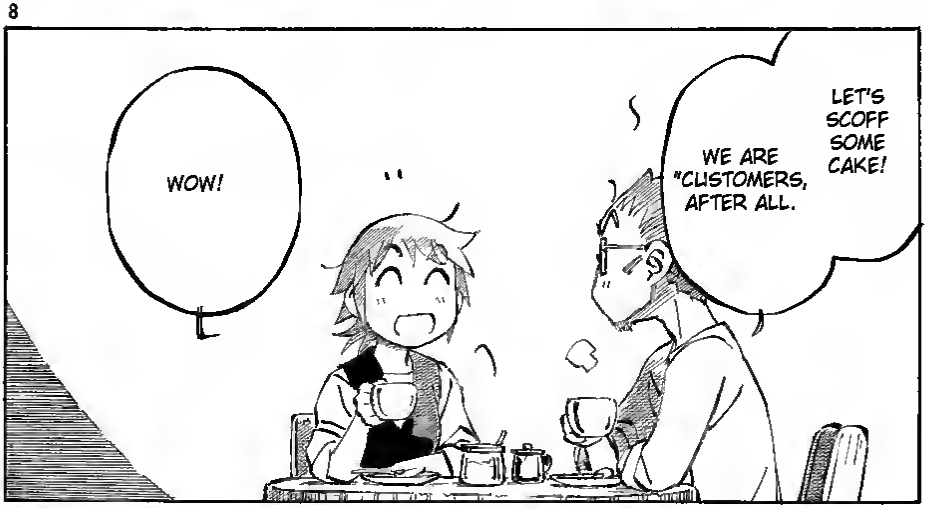
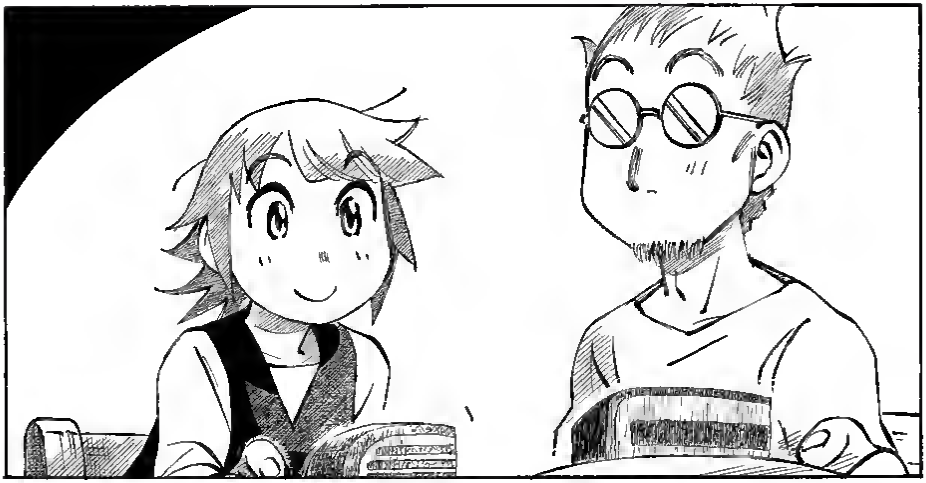
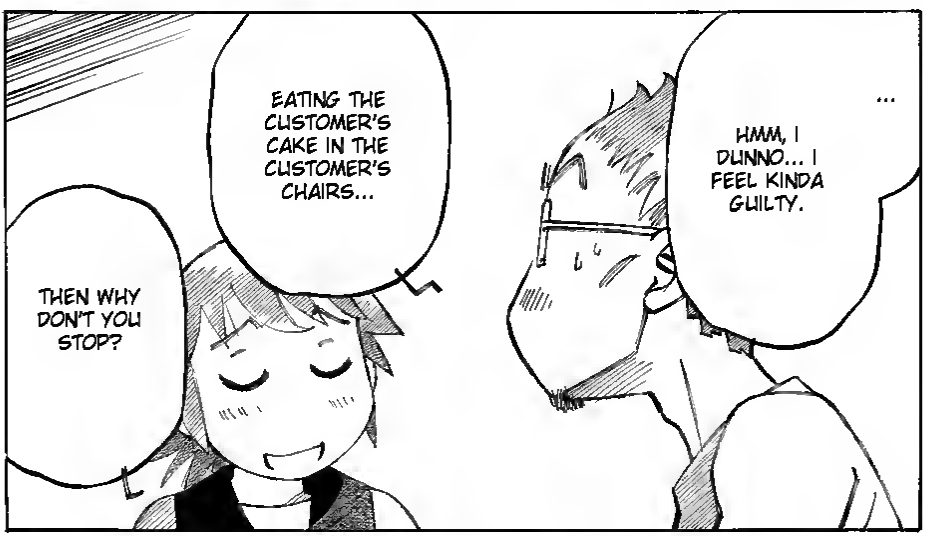

WOW!
WE ARE "CUSTOMERS, AFTER ALL.
LET'S SCOFF SOME CAKE!




EATING THE CUSTOMER'S CAKE IN THE CUSTOMER'S CHAIRS...
THEN WHY DON'T YOU STOP?
...
HMM, I DUNNO... I FEEL KINDA GUILTY.

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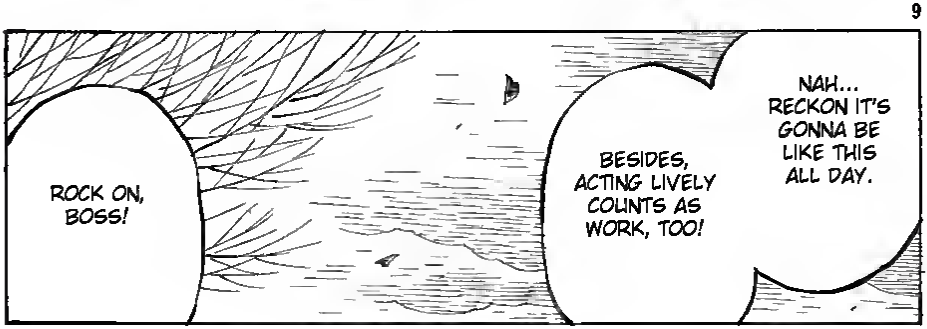
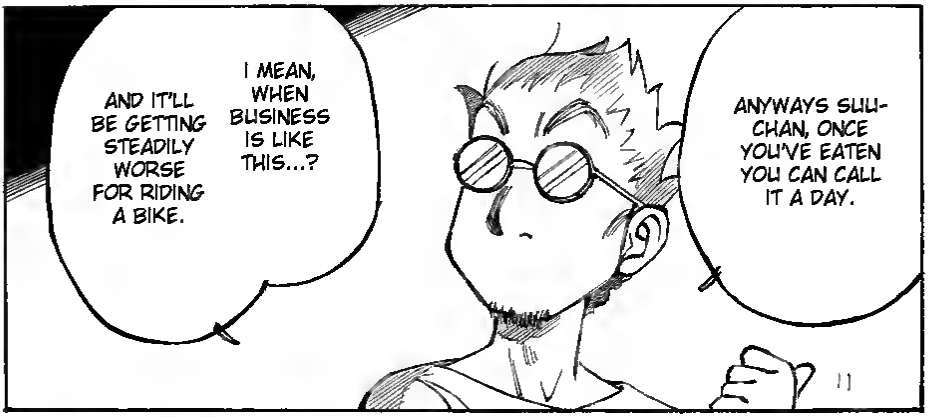

ROCK ON, BOSS!
BESIDES, ACTING LIVELY COUNTS AS WORK, TOO!
NAH... RECKON IT'S GONNA BE LIKE THIS ALL DAY.


ANYWAYS SUU-CHAN, ONCE YOU'VE EATEN YOU CAN CALL IT A DAY.
I MEAN, WHEN BUSINESS IS LIKE THIS...?
AND IT'LL BE GETTING STEADILY WORSE FOR RIDING A BIKE.

OKAY, I'LL JUST SAVOR THIS A LITTLE MORE.
THAT'S FINE...

YOU'VE GOT A POINT...

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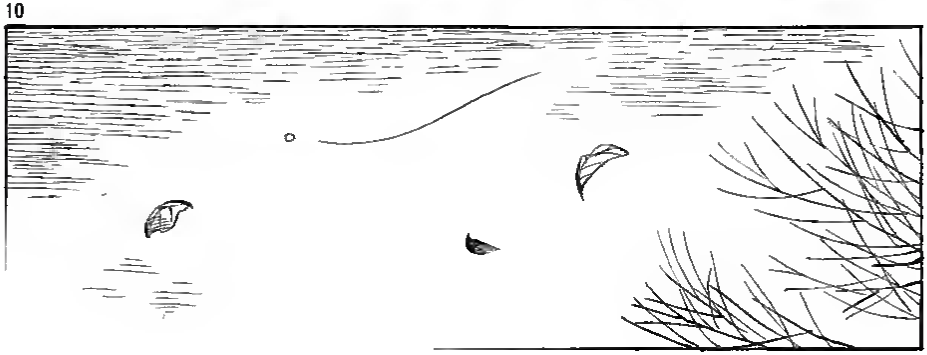

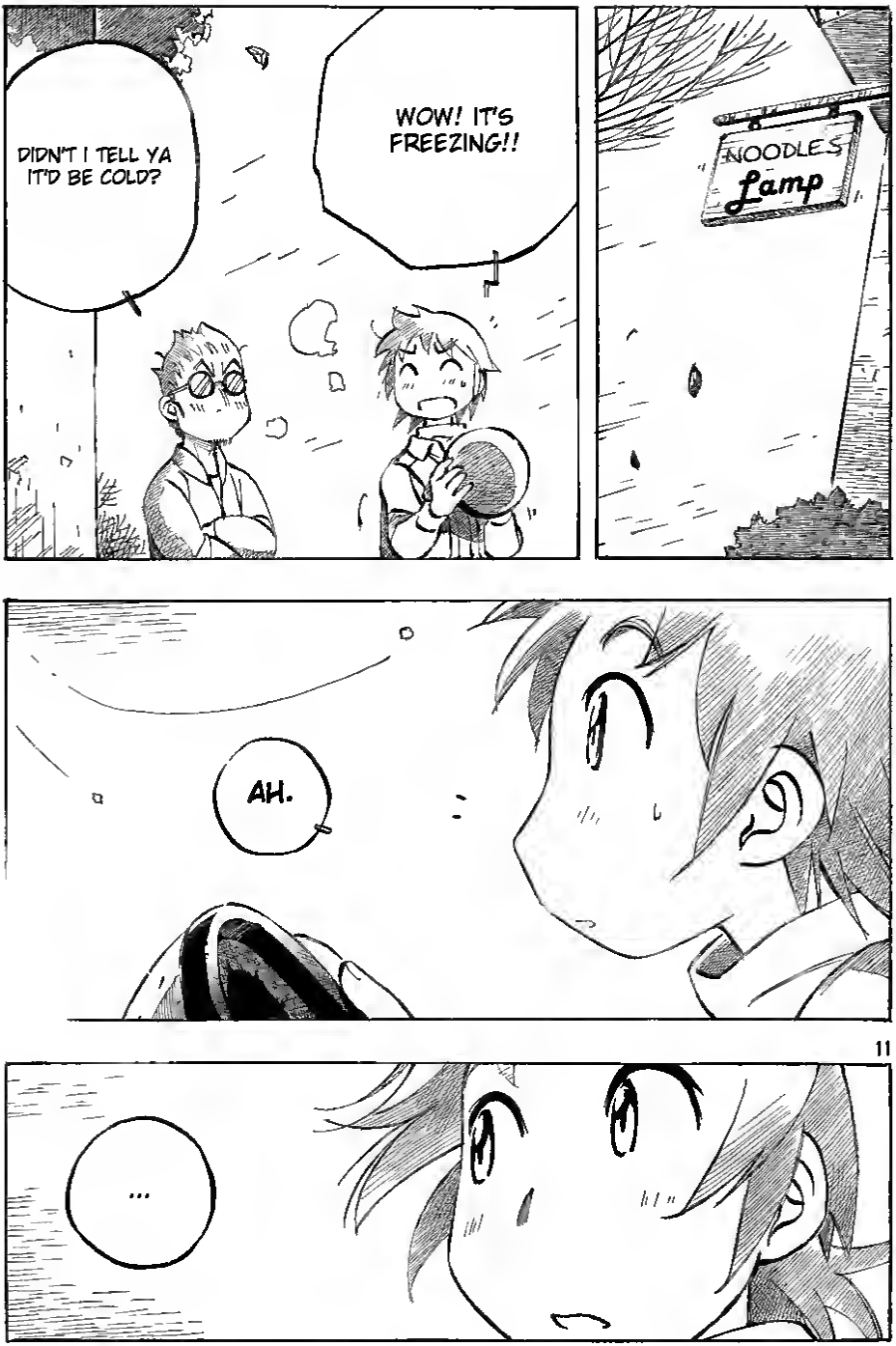
DIDN'T I TELL YA IT'D BE COLD?
WOW! IT'S FREEZING!!
NOODLES
Lamp
AH.
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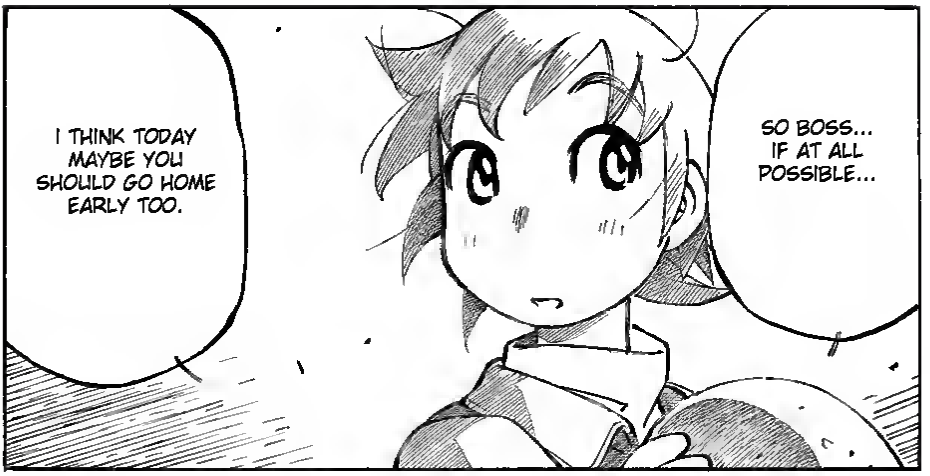
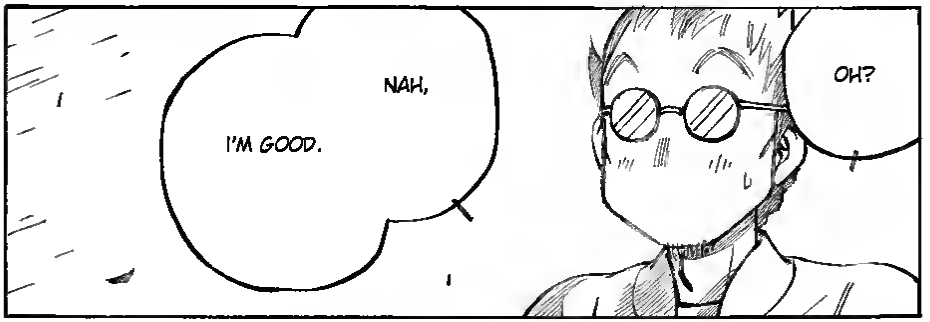

I THINK TODAY MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO HOME EARLY TOO.
SO BOSS... IF AT ALL POSSIBLE...


NAH, I'M GOOD.
OH?

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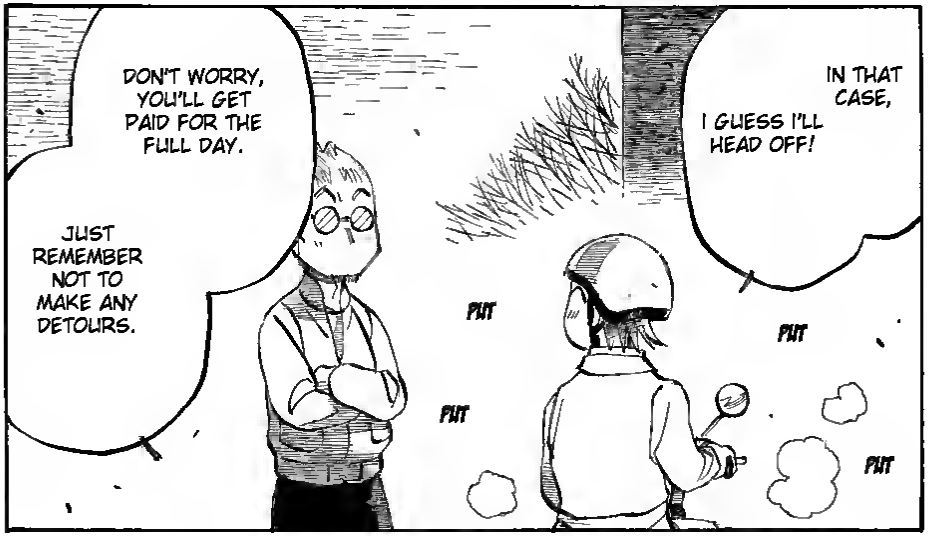
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET PAID FOR THE FULL DAY.
JUST REMEMBER NOT TO MAKE ANY DETOURS.
IN THAT CASE, I GUESS I'LL HEAD OFF!
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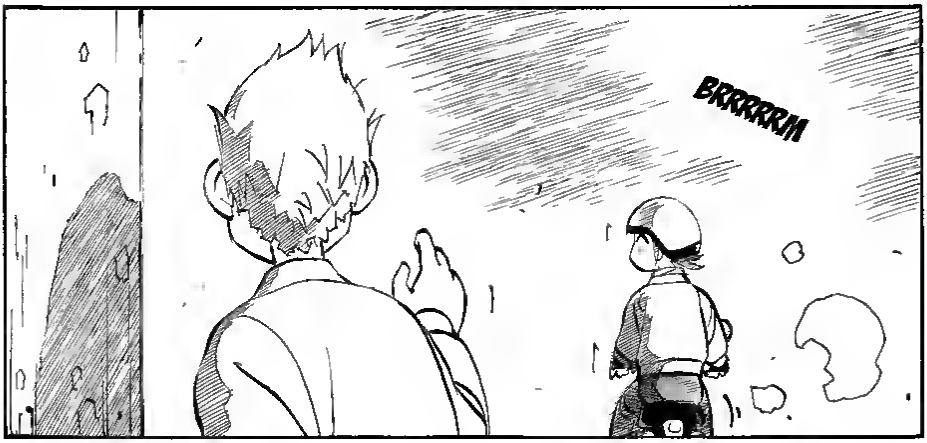
PUT

THANKS FOR THIS!
STILL... PLEASE DON'T GO HOME TOO LATE, BOSS...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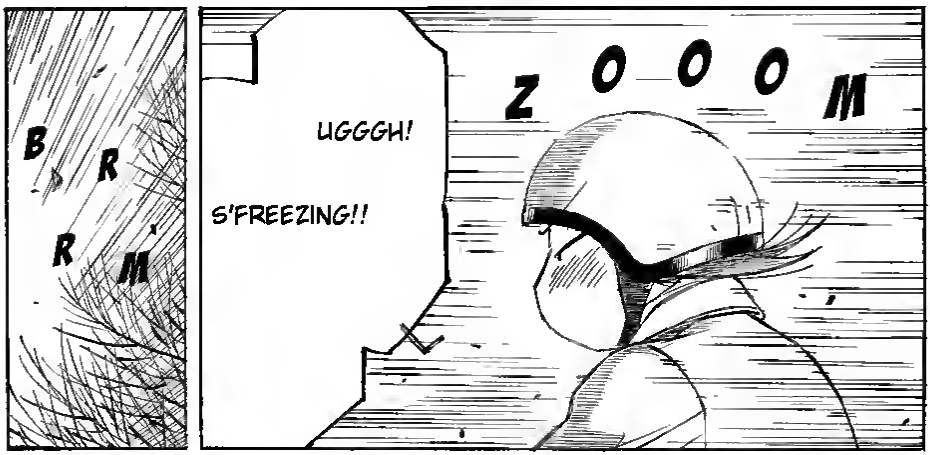
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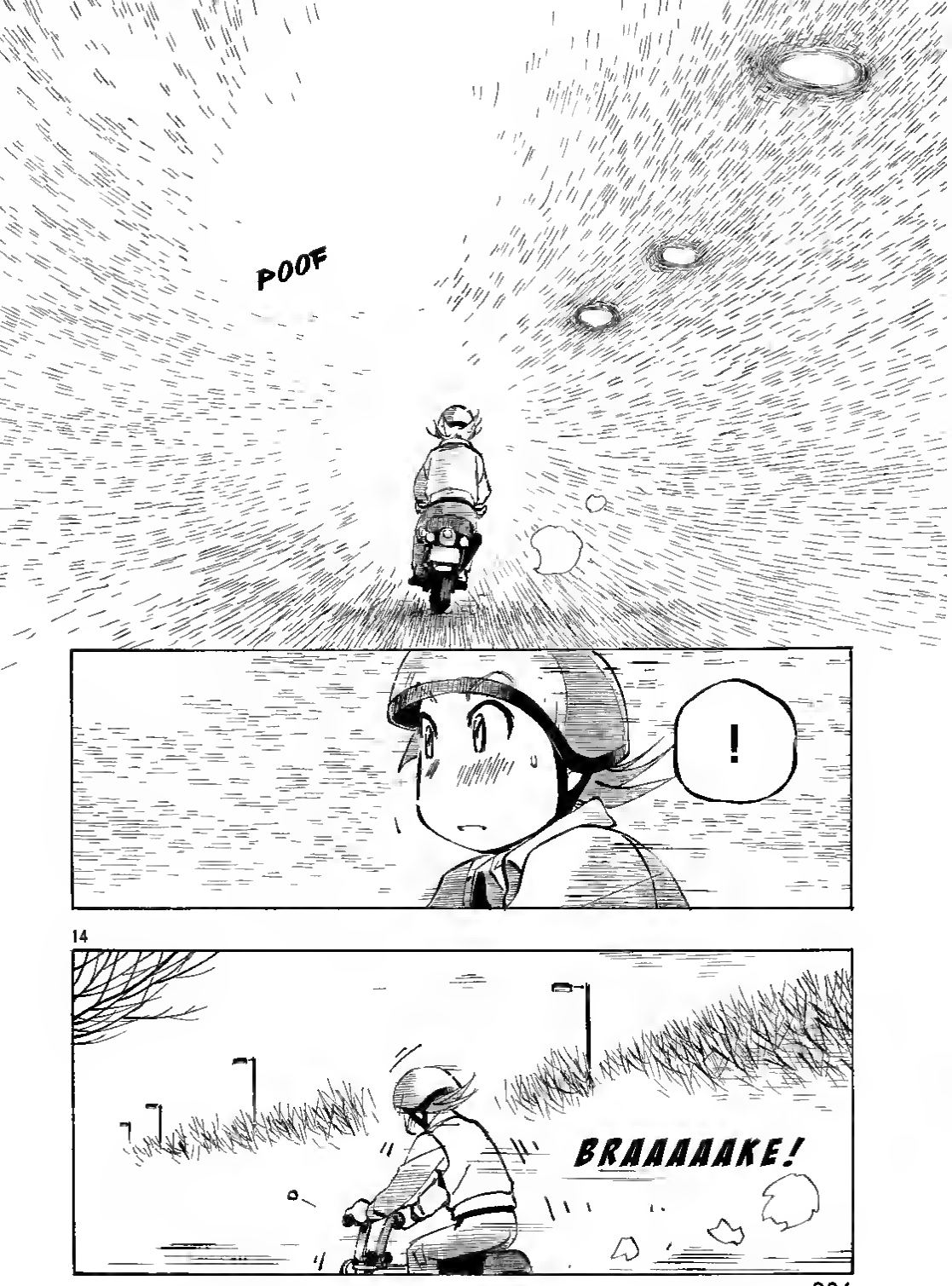
UGGGH!
S'FREEZING!!
Z O O O M


POOF
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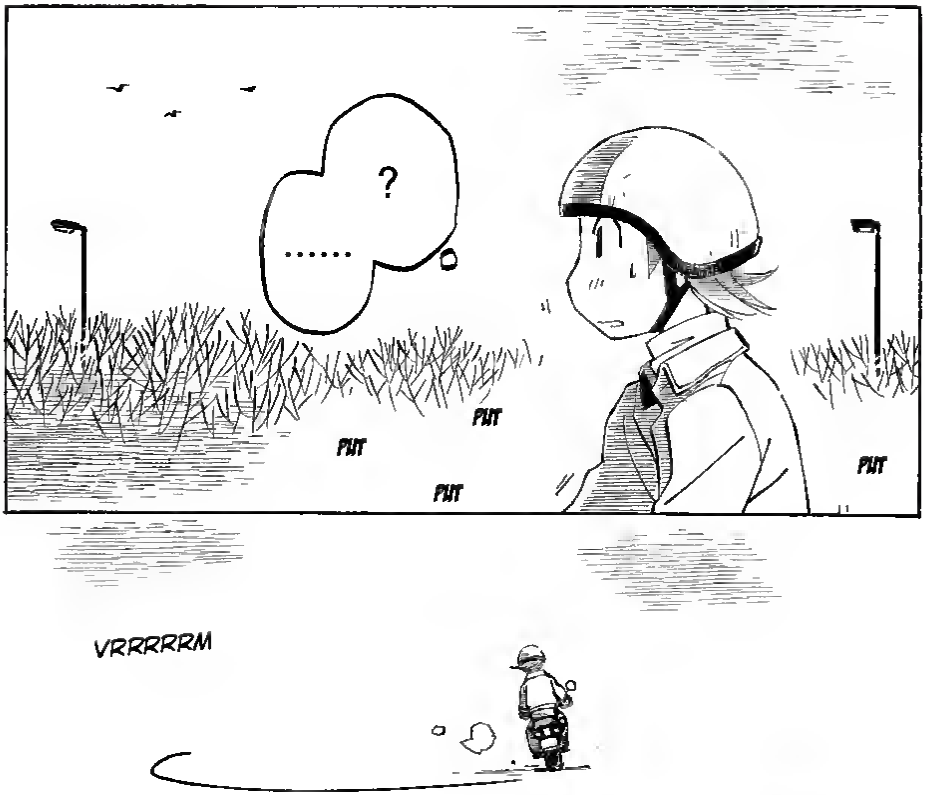
BRAAAAAKE!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PUT
PUT
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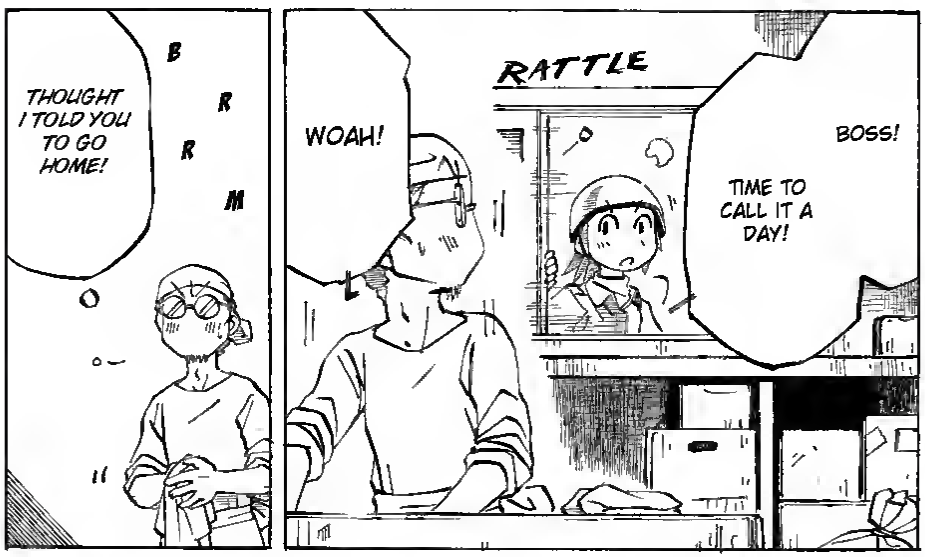
PUT
VRRRRRM


THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GO HOME!
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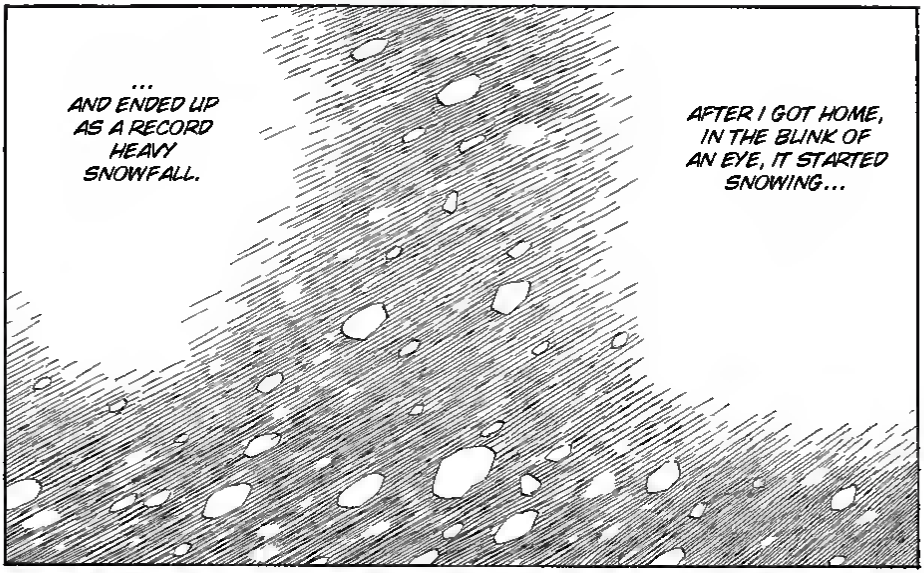
WOAH!
RATTLE
BOSS!
TIME TO CALL IT A DAY!



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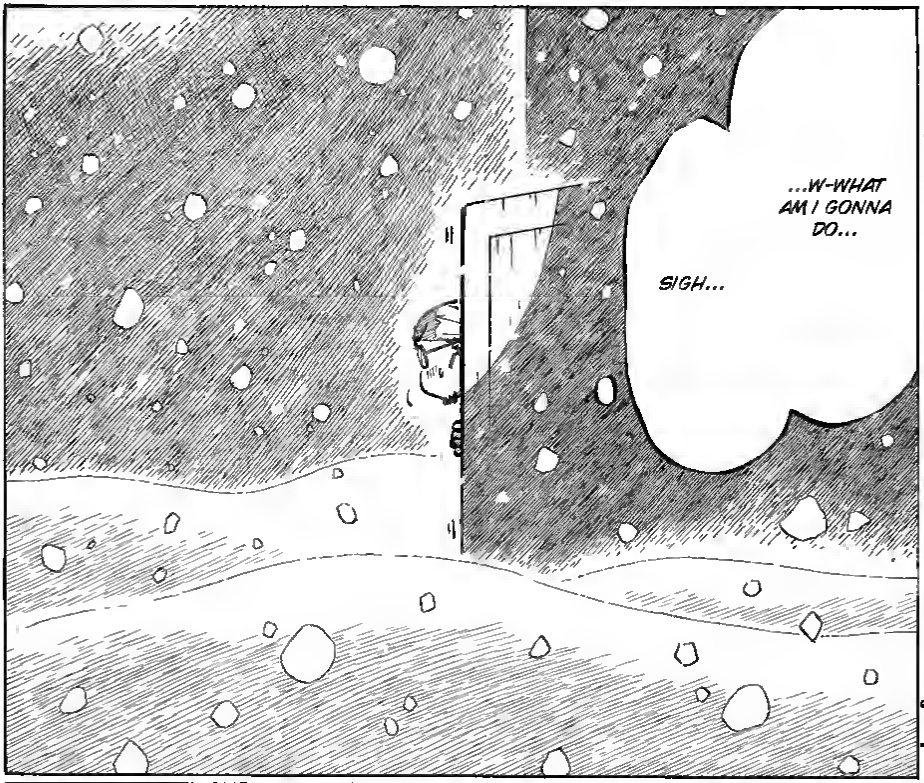

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Next time, the smell of spring.

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